

FACT SHEET



West Virginia flood recovery costs

Estimated Costs from June 2016 Flooding

Public Assistance (FEMA grants for public/non-profit costs):	\$88,763,765*
Individual Assistance (FEMA grants for individuals/households):	\$33,427,757
Other Needs (FEMA grants for individual expenses/serious needs):	\$6,460,441
Schools (Estimates for rebuilding 5 schools):	\$130,000,000
Direct Federal Assistance (Other services requiring state cost-share):	\$1,609,000
WV Conservation Agency (Stream clean-up):	\$32,000,000
Mitigation (Work to lessen potential for future damages):	\$37,500,000
Non-Federal Costs (Expenses that can't be federally reimbursed):	\$10,000,000
TOTAL:	\$339,760,963

**Portable classroom costs not included.*

Federal/State Cost-Sharing: \$339,760,963

At minimum: FEMA covers 75%

At maximum: State would cover 25% (approximately **\$85 million**)

If the state meets FEMA's designated threshold of \$253 million in disaster-related costs, FEMA could cover 90%, leaving the state responsible for 10%. **NOTE:** Certain costs listed above, including Individual Assistance, do not count toward this threshold.

If approved by the White House, the 90/10 cost-share would kick in **once funds are obligated**, including funds for school construction. The state must proceed in allocating funding to cover 25% of total costs – or **\$85 million** – in order to continue receiving funds from FEMA and to qualify for the 90/10 cost-share. The federal government's 90% share would essentially be a reimbursement to the state, offsetting West Virginia's match to bring it down to 10%.

Federal Funding Request: \$310,000,000

On Sept. 14, Governor Tomblin sent a request to President Obama for West Virginia to be included in a congressional disaster relief funding package. This request is for \$310 million, which would be available through Community Development Block Grants for areas including housing, economic development and infrastructure to support long-term, sustainable recovery and economic revitalization. If approved, these grants would support West Virginia's recovery efforts at a level **above and beyond** FEMA funding. To be funded, the state would submit proposals for projects that are tied directly to long-term strategic plans currently under development for flood-impacted communities.